scale sector has grown rapidly over the years. The number of small scale units has increased from an estimated 8.74 lakh units in the year 1980-81 to an estimated 22.35 lakhs in the year 1992-93. The small scale sector accounts for about 35% of the total industrial output and contributes about 45% to the total exports of the country taking into account both direct and indirect exports.

Decline in growth rate of manufacturing industries

3974. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that there was sharp decline in the growth rate marked by the performance of manufacturing industries including food production, textile production, electrical machines and transport equipment during April-June, 1993 ;

(b) if so, whether these industries have a total investment of 23% in manufacturing activities which in turn account for 77% in the industrial production index ;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for sharp decline in growth rate of manufacturing units; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take for the manufacturing units to improve growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed, (*See* below).

(c) The performance of the industrial sector, during the last two years was affected by demand constrains in general, and the short run impacts of stabilisation measures adopted in the wake of severe balance of payments crisis during 1991.

(d) Policy initiatives taken in the New Industrial Policy in July, 1991, the Trade Policy and supporting fiscal and monetary measures announced in the subsequent Budgets are all aimed at accelerating the growth of the industrial production and improving their international competitiveness.

Statement

Index of Industrial Production (*base* : 1980-81 = 100)

Code Group	Industry Group	Weight	% change Apr,—Dec. 1993-94
20—21	Food Products	5.3270	—9.1
22	Beverage, tobacco & products	1.5710	12.0
23	Cotton Textiles	12.3090	7.4
25	Jute, hemp & mesta textiles	1.9990	13.4
26	Textile Products	0.8170	—7.0
27	Wood & wood pdts. & furnt. & fixtures	0.4480	7.0
28	Paper & paper products	3.2350	4.6
29	Leather & fur products	0.4890	7.2
30	Rubber, plastic, petroleum & coal products	4.0000	—0.1
31	Chem. & Chem. Products	12.5130	6.8
32	Non-metallic mineral	2.9990	2.6
33	Basic metals alloy industries	9.8020	5.3
34	Metal products & parts	2.2880	1.5
35	Machinery, mechine tools & parts	6.2400	4.1
36	Electrical machinery	5.7790	—10.5
37	Transport equipment & parts	6.3860	4.9
38	Other Manufacturing Industries	0.9050	—1.6
Div. 2-3	Manufacturing	77.1070	1.8
Div. I	Mining & Quarrying	11.4640	—0.2
Div. 4	Electricity	11.4290	7.3
	Overall Index	100.0000	2.4